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SUBJECT: EC MIXING REGULATION ON NON-FAT DRY MILK

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1. EMBOFFS RAISED ISSUE OF EC COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO REQUIRE THAT NON-FAT DRY MILK PROTEIN BE MIXED INTO ANIMAL FEED WITH APPROPRIATE GOI REPS AT MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AND MINISTRY AGRICULTURE (MA) AS INSTRUCTED REFTELS.

2. GOI REPS INDICATED THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, AND HAD NO RPT

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NO DOUBTS, ABOUT FIRM NATURE OF USG OPPOSITION TO COMMISSION

PROPOSAL. MA STRONGLY AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, SINCE ITALY WOULD HAVE TO IMPORT NECESSARY NON-FAT DRY MILK PROTEIN FROM OTHER EC MEMBERS AND SINCE ITALIAN FEED COMPOUNDERS AND FEEDERS STRONGLY PREFER SOYBEANS/SOYBEAN MEAL FOR THIS PURPOSE. MFA REP FUXA (DIRECTOR, EC/GATT AFFAIRS) SAID GOI WAS OPPOSED TO COMMISSION PROPOSAL. HE NOTED IT STILL HAD TO BE DISCUSSED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE MINISTERS AND SAID HE DOUBTED IT WOULD SURVIVE THESE DISCUSSIONS.

3. FUXA DID NOT RESPOND TO EMBOFFS QUESTION, RE GOI OPPOSITION TO EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL, WHETHER GOI WOULD BE PREPARED TO QTE VETO UNQTE THE PROPOSAL. HE DID STATE THAT, IF AGRICULTURE MINISTER MARCORA WERE STILL IN THIS POST WHEN AGRICULTURE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL, ITALY WOULD CERTAINLY EXPRESS ITS STRONG OPPOSITION.

4. COMMENT. DESPITE FACT THE EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL IS AGAINST ITALIAN INTERESTS, EMBASSY BELIEVES GOI WOULD NOT, IN FINAL ANALYSIS, WISH TO REMAIN ISOLATED IN OPPOSITION. TO BE SURE OF CONTINUED GOI OPPOSITION TO COMMISSION PROPOSAL, ITALY NEEDS AT LEAST ONE SOLID SUPPORTER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. GIVEN CURRENT ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT MARCORA, WHO IS NOTED FOR HIS FORTHRIGHT DEFENSE OF ITALIAN INTERESTS AT EC COUNCIL MEETINGS, WILL STILL BE AG MINISTER WHEN EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL IS CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS. VOLPE

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